



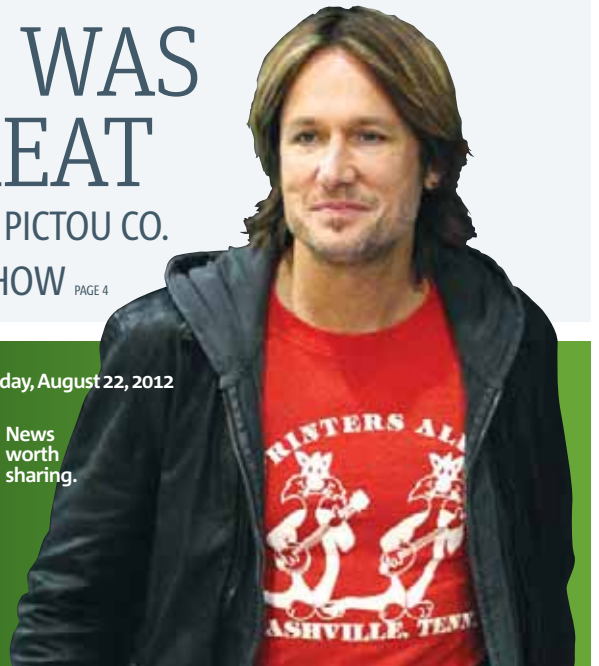
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LIGHTHOUSE FACELIFT

Workers strip paint from the iconic lighthouse at Peggys Cove on Tuesday. The repainting project will take about two weeks to complete. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Official 'wrong' to criticize power deal: Premier

Energy rates. Canada Revenue Agency still must give its approval before sale of NewPage mill can proceed

Premier Darrell Dexter is brushing off criticism from Nova Scotia's consumer advocate that an energy-rate agreement for the idle NewPage Port Hawkesbury mill could end up costing power customers.

John Merrick has said there's no guarantee power bills won't rise in the deal between Nova Scotia Power and the mill's prospective buyer, Pacific West Commercial Corp.

In its approval of the deal, Nova Scotia's Utility and Review Board ruled that power customers can't be expected to cover the cost of running a biomass plant at the site in Point Tupper.

That would change, however, if the government

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"I'm very comfortable with this."

Premier
Darrell Dexter

deems the plant a "must-run facility" — which Dexter said Tuesday needs to happen.

Merrick said he's worried the government is pandering to Pacific West on the backs of power customers.

"The other thing that is particularly galling, if that's the scenario that happened, is that they did it without spending a lot of apparent time worrying about the position or the interests of other ratepayers," he said Monday in an interview.

Dexter dismissed Merrick's criticism of the deal as "wrong" and "unfortu-

nate," adding that the biomass facility is necessary to run the mill.

"I think it's a good opportunity for us to reposition a key part of the economic infrastructure of the province so that it will be sustainable for the long period," Dexter said.

He added that losing the mill — and the 1,400 direct and indirect jobs that the government estimates come with it — would be a "real blow" to Nova Scotia.

Dexter also defended a \$124.5-million financial package aimed at helping resume operations at the mill, saying the benefits of that far outweigh the costs of allowing the site to remain closed.

The lifeline includes \$66.5 million in loans to Pacific West Commercial, \$26.5 million of which could be forgiven if the Vancouver company meets certain criteria, including wage targets.

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Diverse program

'Gritty, dark' films in mix with 'epic romances and hilarity': AFF reveals

The 2012 Atlantic Film Festival will open with an Irish whiskey-heist comedy and gambol through tales of alien invasions, murder and high-seas survival before closing with a Swedish tale of romance and revolution.

The festival runs from Sept. 13 to 20 in Halifax and features dozens of flicks chosen from more than 1,700 submissions.

"You will see that we have built a formidable program, one that is truly diverse, gritty, dark in parts, with sweeping epic romances and hilarity," festival director Lia Rinaldo told a bustling room at the Lord Nelson Hotel on Tuesday morning.

The opening gala features *The Angel's Share*, winner of the jury prize at the 2012 Cannes Film Festival. Four more galas include the world premiere of *The Disappeared*, directed by Halifax-based novelist Shandi Mitchell, and the Scandinavian drama *A Royal Affair*.

Newly minted executive director Wayne Carter tells Metro the job of selecting the festival lineup is one he takes seriously.

"Film festivals are recognized as curators ... making a list of recommended films, where we're giving these our stamp of approval for one reason or another," he said. "It may be that these speak to our region, or they're good-quality films that may not get seen because a major studio isn't behind them."

A full schedule is available online at atlanticfilm.com.

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A scene from *The Disappeared*, which is directed by Halifax-based novelist Shandi Mitchell and will be making its world premiere at the Atlantic Film Festival. CONTRIBUTED

Biz events during AFF mean big bucks for N.S.

Film fest. Conferences provide 'one-stop shopping' for TV, film, music-industry executives

RUTH DAVENPORT
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The on-screen action will be non-stop at next month's Atlantic Film Festival — and the behind-the-scenes business deals won't be far behind.

Two conferences held during the AFF help local artists launch new projects, and inject real dollars into the local economy.

The three-day Strategic Partners event brings together producers, sales agents and

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"The real dollars impact is that films get made, and when films get made, they bring in business to this location." Jan Miller, director, Strategic Partners

distributors from around the world seeking Canadian collaborators on both film and TV productions.

Strategic Partners director Jan Miller said Tuesday following this year's festival launch that the event attracts industry heavyweights — who often return.

"Haven't getting shot here, that's a U.S. production being shot in Nova Scotia," she said. "The film *For All The Wrong Reasons* was a New Brunswick-Manitoba co-production shot in Nova Scotia, and they met in Halifax. The wonder-

ful series *Bomb Girls*, they met their broadcaster here at Strategic Partners."

Miller says there's plenty of spending at local hotels and restaurants during the three-day event — and the dollars keep rolling in, months and years later.

"The number of people who have seen *Haven* and said, 'Are you from there?' It's the best tourism outreach program out there," she said. "There's probably not a more effective way to draw people to come to Nova Scotia or Atlantic Canada than through

movies, and seeing it as the backdrop."

Similarly the Music & Image conference helps local musicians connect with international music buyers in film, TV, advertising and gaming, creating opportunities the artists might never otherwise find.

"It would be hard to draw international buyers into the region without this opportunity," said Music & Image co-ordinator Alyson Sanders. "By attending events, (musicians) get to participate in one-on-one meetings with buyers, creating networks and connections that they can develop over the long term."

Sanders says the Music & Image events has resulted in more than 150 placements since its launch in 2004.

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Electoral boundaries. Minister not surprised by delay of commission report

Justice Minister Ross Landry says he can't grant the province's electoral boundaries commission more time to complete its work because it's not within his jurisdiction.

The commission tasked with redrawing the province's electoral map is supposed to submit its final report by Aug. 31 under the legislature's terms of reference. But it has asked the government for an extension until Sept. 21.

Landry confirmed Tuesday he's received word from the commission that it needs the additional three weeks, but he said the request has to be approved by the legislature, which isn't in session.

"I don't have the authority to grant that one way or the other," he said in an interview.

"I acknowledge the fact that they're running behind, and I accept the commission's notice that it will submit its final report after the deadline."

Landry said he looks forward to receiving the report "as soon as reasonably possible" and bringing it to the legislature when it resumes this fall.

He added that he wasn't



Justice Minister Ross Landry
METRO FILE

surprised the commission needed more time to finish its work, given the amount of feedback it has received at public meetings.

Residents in some areas of Nova Scotia — namely Yarmouth and in Cape Breton — have expressed their opposition to the proposed redesign of the electoral map. Some of that has centred on the proposed elimination of some ridings.

If there are any objections to the extra time given to the commission to complete its work, Landry said that would have to be dealt with in the legislature.

But he indicated he wasn't against allowing the commission extra time to complete its work. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Pictou. Man charged with uttering death threats to cops remanded to hospital

A 62-year-old man has been remanded to the East Coast Forensic Hospital in Dartmouth after being charged with uttering death threats following a standoff with police.

Kirk Dobson appeared in Pictou provincial court on Tuesday with his lawyer requesting and being granted a mental-health assessment to determine whether his client was mentally fit at the time of the incident.

On Monday evening, police were called to a home in the Foxbrook area of Pictou County following a 911 call.

Court appearance

Kirk Dobson is scheduled back in court on Sept. 10.

According to police, the call was made by the accused who threatened to harm police officers. When police arrived at the scene the man refused to co-operate. The road was blocked off due to concerns about possible firearms although none were located after he was arrested.

NEW GLASGOW NEWS

Warrant. Cops arrest final suspect in drug trafficking

A Montreal man arrested last week on an outstanding arrest warrant from Cape Breton is now scheduled to have a bail hearing Friday.

Michael William Giordano, 45, was wanted in connection with Operation H-Tactic, which resulted in the arrest of 16 individuals in 2010 as part of a joint forces operation into the cocaine trade in Cape Breton County.

Giordano is charged with four counts of conspiracy to traffic in marijuana, two

counts of conspiracy to traffic in anabolic steroids and a single count of conspiracy to traffic in cocaine.

The offences are alleged to have occurred between November 2009 and July 2010.

Giordano was the last suspect to be nabbed as part of the police operation.

He made a brief court appearance Tuesday and the case was adjourned until Friday.

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Rollover shuts down ramp near Truro

A tractor-trailer lies on its side after rolling over on the ramp to exit 15 connecting the Trans-Canada to Highway 102 near Truro. The accident happened on Monday at about 11 p.m., the scene not cleared till late Tuesday. The ramp was shut down to traffic for several hours. The driver was uninjured. **TRURO DAILY NEWS**

A call to remember for Keith Urban fan

Back in town. Country singing star in Halifax for a couple of days

Leslie Ford is a die-hard fan of Australian country singer Keith Urban.

To hear him play live over the weekend in Halifax was an expected joy. To have him call the next day was an unexpected treat.

Ford, who is from Pictou County, said she went to Urban's concert Sunday night

at the Halifax Metro Centre and enjoyed it as she always has. She has been to about a dozen of his performances and knew to expect a great show.

"He always puts on a good concert," she said.

But the next day when her niece, Kate, who also went to the concert, was at a Halifax Starbucks she caught sight of the singer and rushed over to talk to him. Kate told Urban about her aunt, who, she said, is his biggest fan.

When told that, Urban encouraged Kate to call her aunt



Country singer Keith Urban
FILE PHOTO

and let him talk to her, which

she did.

Ford said Urban talked to her about a sign her daughter had at the concert, which he had noticed from the stage.

"I heard your dream was to meet me," he said and thanked her for coming to the show.

"It was exciting," Ford said.

She said she appreciates that the star took the time to talk with her and the fact that her niece took the time out of her moment with Urban to share him with her.

NEW GLASGOW NEWS

Premier puts brakes on Crown-owned bus service

Service vs. profit

According to the Maritime Federation of Labour Presidents, a public system will ensure no communities are "held hostage" should a private operator determine a route isn't profitable.

Premier Darrell Dexter says the province isn't in the business of running a bus company.

Dexter says there's no interest in launching a Crown-owned service to take the place of Acadian Coach Lines when it ceases operations on Nov. 30.

The company currently provides intercity bus service throughout the Maritimes.

There have been calls for a publicly funded regional service to pick up the slack. Earlier

this month, Nova Scotia Transportation Minister Maurice Smith said he was looking at all options. But Dexter says he wants to see a company come forward with a proposal that's sustainable and profitable.

P.E.I.'s Transportation Minister Robert Vessey and his counterpart in New Brunswick, Claude Williams, have both said that any solution lies in opening up private-sector competition.

In a statement released Tuesday, the Maritime Federa-

tion of Labour Presidents urged its respective ministers of transportation to create a public city-to-city and inter-provincial bus service. The letter goes on to assert that because the private companies that have expressed interest in running the service have requested regulatory changes, the federation believes they intend to put "profits before people."

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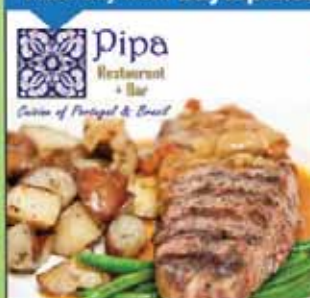


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Turkey

Girl dies of wounds in bomb attack

A 12-year-old girl became the ninth victim Tuesday of a bomb blast in Turkey's south-east, which has highlighted fears that Kurdish rebels seeking self-rule are becoming emboldened by moves toward autonomy by the Kurdish minority in war-torn Syria. Deputy Prime Minister Besir Atalay said the girl had died of her wounds and that three other children were among those killed when a bomb concealed in a vehicle exploded Monday night near the Syrian border.

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France

Floor plans to presidential palace stolen

The French government says thieves who broke into a vehicle at a Paris train station made off with a USB drive and discs containing floor plans for the French presidential palace, the main security agency and the Paris police department.

The Interior Ministry said Tuesday that the stolen documents weren't classified and that their disappearance put no one in danger.

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Syrian minister warns against U.S. intervention



Syrian Deputy Prime Minister Qadri Jamil speaks during a news conference in Moscow on Tuesday. SERGEY PONOMAREV/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Civil war. Qadri Jamil called Obama's warning over use of chemical weapons 'propagandistic threats'

President Barack Obama's warning over chemical weapons in Syria indicates the West is looking for a pretext for military intervention, a senior Syrian government official said Tuesday following talks in Moscow.

Syrian Deputy Prime Minister Qadri Jamil warned against any such intervention.

"Those who are contemplating this evidently want to see the crisis expand beyond Syria's borders," he told journalists in comments translated into Russian. The Syrian civil war, which began with a popular uprising in March 2011, is already spilling into neighbouring Lebanon.

Obama said Monday the U.S. would reconsider its opposition to military involvement in Syria if President Bashar Assad's regime deployed or used chemical or biological weapons.

Jamil described Obama's

Negotiations

Jamil said the government would be willing to discuss Assad's resignation but only after the opposition agreed to join in negotiating a peaceful settlement.

- "Making his resignation a condition for dialogue effectively makes holding such a dialogue impossible," Jamil said. "During the negotiating process any issues can be discussed, and we are ready to discuss even this issue."

statements as "propagandistic threats" connected with the U.S. presidential election. However, he also said they indicate that "the West is looking for a pretext to intervene militarily," adding, "we must say that such intervention is impossible."

Russia, which along with China has steadfastly backed Syria and blocked UN sanctions on Assad's regime, earlier warned Syria against using chemical and biological weapons. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Delaware. Daycare workers allegedly formed toddler fightclub

A child care centre in Delaware has had its business licence suspended after police arrested three employees who allegedly encouraged toddlers to fight.

The arrests were made Monday after police discovered a cellphone video of three women working at the Hands of Our Future daycare in Dover, the state capital, allegedly encouraging two three-year-olds to duke it out.

"He's pinching me," yells one child in the video.

"No pinching, only punching," is a worker's response, according to the Dover Police.

"It was a difficult video to watch," Dover Police Capt. Tim Stump told FoxNews.com. "One of the kids involved ran over to one of the adults for protection, but she turned him around back into the fight."

Tiana Harris, 21, Estefania Myers, 21 and Lisa Parker, 47, have been charged with multiple counts of assault and endangering the welfare of a child.

"It's very disturbing to think anything like that could go on," said Amy Bickerling, whose four-year-old son is enrolled at the centre, to Delawareonline.com. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Air Canada

Flight diverted for unruly passenger

An Air Canada flight en route to Calgary from London, England, had to be diverted due to an unruly passenger.

Air Canada spokesman Peter Fitzpatrick says police boarded flight 851 in Edmonton on Monday afternoon and removed a male passenger.

Mounties say a drunk man allegedly assaulted a female crew member and another passenger, and did some minor damage to the Boeing 777. There were 349 passengers and 11 crew on board, and police say they subdued the man before the plane landed in Edmonton.

Thirty-five-year-old Justin Frank of Calgary is facing several charges.

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Storms, jellyfish stings end 63-year-old's attempt to swim across Florida Straits

Diana Nyad ended her fourth attempt in nearly 35 years to swim across the Straits of Florida on Tuesday, her dream of setting a record thwarted by storms, jellyfish stings, shark threats, hypothermia and swollen lips.

In a blog posting, crew member Candace Hogan wrote that Nyad angrily shook her head after being pulled from the water and planned to return to finish the swim after the storms subsided.

"When can I get back in?"

Hogan quoted the swimmer as saying, "I want full transparency that I was out. But I have plenty left in me and I want to go on."

She was aboard a boat headed to the Florida Keys and was likely to arrive Tuesday afternoon.

Nyad, who turns 63 on Wednesday, was making her third attempt since last summer to become the first person to cross the Florida Straits without a shark cage. She also made a failed try with a cage in 1978.

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Endurance swimmer Diana Nyad rests after being pulled out of the water between Cuba and the Florida Keys early Tuesday.

DIANA NYAD/THE FLORIDA KEYS NEWS BUREAU/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

British lawmaker criticized over rape comments defending Julian Assange

An outspoken British lawmaker was lambasted by women's rights campaigners and colleagues on Tuesday after making contentious comments about rape.

George Galloway was chastised by the leader of his own political party over his claim that sex crime allegations against WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange do not constitute rape. Galloway, a leftist political outsider who represents the an-

ti-war Respect party, attempted to defend Assange in a video blog posted Sunday, saying that accusations against him showed "bad sexual etiquette, but whatever else it is, it is not rape."

Assange has fought for two years to avoid extradition to Sweden to be questioned over allegations of sexual molestation, unlawful coercion and rape made by two women.

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A placard of WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange is seen in London, Tuesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Jack's message of hope

"Let us be loving ..." This monument to beloved former NDP leader Jack Layton was unveiled in a Toronto cemetery on Tuesday. Layton's ashes will be spread at a private ceremony today, marking the one-year anniversary of his death.

RENE JOHNSTON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

'She wasn't a whacko' — murder victim ID'd

Body parts found in waterways. 'Nice and quiet' Guang Hua Liu was a single mother of three and owned holistic spa in Toronto

Body parts found scattered in Toronto-area waterways belonged to a single mother of three, police say.

Guang Hua Liu, 41, worked at a Toronto body rub parlour for a year before leaving to start her own business.

"Her life was good enough that she opened her own business," said Bei-Bei Ni, who owns Asia Studios — where Liu worked for a year.

"Of course we're all sad ... she was a nice, normal person. She wasn't a whacko."

She was last seen by friends late in the afternoon on Aug. 10 as they dropped her off at her new spa in east Toronto, Peel Regional Police said at a news conference.

On Aug. 15 her right foot was found in the Credit River in Mississauga, about 45 kilometres west of where she lived in east-end Toronto.

Liu's head and hands were later discovered in the river in Hewick Meadows Park area.

Over the weekend, two calves, a thigh and an arm were found in West Highland Creek in east-end Toronto.



A police officer holds a photo of victim Guang Hua Liu. MICHELLE SIU/THE CANADIAN PRESS

She had three children — one is an adult and the other two live with their father, said Insp. George Koekkoek.

Police are treating the case as a homicide.

Neighbour Lillian Lantz said Liu had a boyfriend named Ken who reported her missing to police.

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A spa named Forget Me Not

Liu was the owner of a "holistic therapy" spa called Forget Me Not, said a woman with a Toronto rental firm

- Monthly lease. Liu signed

a month-by-month agreement, the woman said, adding, "She was very nice and quiet."

- Citizen. Liu was a Canadian, police said.

Kroeger proposed

Avril's singing a love song

It's a new Canadian musical power couple: People magazine is reporting that pop star Avril Lavigne and Nickelback frontman Chad Kroeger are engaged.

Lavigne, 27, and Kroeger,

37, first got together in February to co-write a song for Lavigne's upcoming album.

Now after a six-month relationship, they are planning to get married, a Lavigne aide said.

On Aug. 8, Kroeger reportedly proposed, presenting Lavigne with a 14-carat diamond ring.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

\$60,000 tab

Toronto mayor insists: No driver

Toronto's mayor, who raised eyebrows when he was spotted reading behind the wheel, says he won't be getting a personal driver.

The expense of a chauffeur would be a "waste of

taxpayers' money," Rob Ford told reporters.

He said a private driver would add up to \$60,000 to the municipal tab.

Ford has said he uses his morning commute to keep pace with his busy work schedule. He has also come under fire for using his cellphone while driving.

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California. Bumper harvest of krill bringing hungry humpbacks and blues close to Monterey Bay shore

Grab your camera and binoculars: There's rarely been a better time to go whale-watching off the California coast.

Tourists from around the world have been flocking to Monterey Bay to catch a glimpse of the massive marine mammals, including impressive numbers of blue whales — the largest animals on earth. Longtime observers say they've seen a sharp increase in endangered blue and humpback whales feeding near Californian shores, where they spend the spring and summer before heading to their winter breeding grounds off Mexico and Central America.

"It's phenomenal that these humongous creatures are out there and we just get to go out on a boat and go out and watch them," said Santa Cruz resident Susan Stuart after a recent whale-watching cruise.

Quoted

"When you see a whale in the wild, it's a life-changing experience.... You're never the same person after you've had that kind of encounter with a wild animal."

Maureen Gilbert, on-board naturalist for Santa Cruz Whale Watching.

What's bringing the whales so close to shore? A bumper harvest of their favourite food: tiny, shrimp-like critters known as krill. Strong north-west winds have been pushing up cold, nutrient-rich waters from the ocean bottom — a phenomenon known as upwelling. That has fuelled blooms of phytoplankton that have led to an explosion of krill, the main food source of blue and humpback whales.

But the rebound in whale populations has led to a new problem: more collisions with the giant cargo ships heading in and out of San Francisco Bay, one of the world's busiest ports, experts say. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Spectators watch whales off the coast of southern California.

CAPTAIN DAVID ANDERSON'S DOLPHIN AND WHALE SAFARI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Women enjoy some waves during Eid

Arab women enjoy the beach in Tel Aviv during the third day of Eid al-Fitr on Tuesday. One of the most important holidays in the Muslim world, Eid al-Fitr marks the end of the fasting month of Ramadan and is celebrated with prayers, family reunions and other festivities.

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Heroic. Prince William comes to the rescue ... again

Four days after saving a 16-year-old girl from drowning off the coast of Wales, Prince William came to the rescue of an injured Canadian tourist in North Wales.

Darlene Burton, 58, of Barrie, Ont., was hiking with her husband along the coast on the island of Anglesey when she fell and broke a leg on Monday.

Her husband, Lawrence Oakley, says a helicopter was called in to transfer Burton to a local hospital.

Oakley says a Royal Air Force Sea King helicopter arrived shortly after and that's when they noticed that Prince William was the pilot.

Burton was flown to a hospital in Bangor, Wales, where she underwent sur-



Prince William THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

gery.

Prince William has been a search-and-rescue pilot with the British Royal Air Force since September 2010.

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Yukon. Harper shares more of his vision for the North

Prime Minister Stephen Harper expanded his vision of resource riches fuelling Canada's future and he's vowing to streamline environmental approvals to make those projects a reality.

Harper made the remarks Tuesday as he signed a revised resource-royalty-sharing agreement with the Yukon government that he said would ensure territory residents benefit from the "boom" in mineral exploration and development over the coming decades.

"Northern development must mean northern prosperity," he said in a speech.

Harper kicked off his annual northern tour on Monday, touting the benefits of the resource economy to Canada's North but said it requires changes to environmental oversight to ensure projects

Quoted

"Such is the magnitude of the North's resource wealth that we are only quite literally just scratching the surface."

Prime Minister Stephen Harper

become a reality in a "responsible manner."

"We need thorough, balanced science-based assessments conducted on a timely basis according to the principle of one project, one review," Harper said.

He said nine producing mines across the North are providing work for thousands of people and another 24 projects representing \$38 billion have the potential to add thousands more. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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Canadian nickel firm snagged in corruption case

Mining. Government officials and workers from joint Cuban-Canadian venture convicted in contract-expansion probe

A Cuban court has convicted a dozen people of corruption, including high-ranking government officials, an executive at a state-run nickel company and workers from a project operating under a Cuban-Canadian joint concern, official media announced Tuesday.

In a case involving a contract for the expansion of the Pedro Soto Alba nickel and cobalt processing plant at the Moa mine, the sentences range from four to 12 years, the Communist Party news-

paper Granma reported.

The announcement was the first official confirmation of a probe that since last year has been the source of rumours on the island, part of a crackdown on graft that has caught up several foreigners and sent a chill through the small foreign business community.

The Moa Joint Venture that controls the mining operation is operated in tandem by Cuba and Toronto-based mining company Sherritt International Corp.

Sherritt representatives did not immediately reply to phone and email messages seeking comment.

Moa currently produces 37,000 tons of nickel and cobalt per year, according to Sherritt's website.

In April, a senior government official said the mineral accounted for 30 per cent of

exports in 2011, which would put nickel revenues at \$1.8 billion US for the year based on recently released overall export figures.

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Mowing down the competition with robotics

Honda Motor Co.'s Asimo robot shows off the company's new Miimo lawn mower. Honda is releasing its first product for the home, a sensor-equipped lawn mower packed with its prized robotics technology. Miimo goes on sale next year — but only in Europe. The device, which looks a bit like iRobot's Roomba vacuum cleaner, continuously shaves about three millimetres off the grass, manoeuvring itself on sloped areas. HONDA MOTOR CO./THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.K. and Ireland

RIM appoints new exec

Research In Motion has made another change in its leadership, appointing a new managing director for the U.K. & Ireland.

The company said Tuesday that Rob Orr, who has been with the company for six years focusing on global product management, would step into the key role starting Sept. 1. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Stateside shopping

Cross-border retail up in June: Report

Higher duty-free exemptions for shoppers helped attract Canadians stateside in record numbers in June, analysts and retail groups said Tuesday as StatsCan reported 1.9 million overnight trips to the U.S. that month. Overnight trips to the U.S. rose 7.5 per cent in June compared to May, to 1.9 million, the highest level since 1972. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sinking stock

Facebook down after earlier gains

Facebook's battered stock closed lower Tuesday, erasing some of the gains it saw a day earlier.

Regulatory filings revealed Monday after the stock market closed that Peter Thiel, Facebook's first big investor, shed most of his holdings in the company. Thiel has reaped more than \$1 billion US from the sales. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Every once in a while, something wonderful this way comes.

In my case, that would be Cheryl Strayed, author of *Wild*, the New York Times bestseller

that prompted Oprah to relaunch her book club.

Wild is a tour de force, a searing, soaring account of the author's 1,100-mile trek across the Pacific Crest Trail back in the '90s, when she was recovering from the death of her mother, a broken marriage and, oh, a heroin addiction.

If you have time left to add one to your summer reading list, I'd recommend *Wild*.

If *Wild* was the only reason to celebrate Cheryl Strayed's gifts as a writer, that would be enough. But there's more. She is also the heart, mind and soul behind *Dear Sugar*, the greatest advice column ever. *Dear Sugar* is a regular feature of *therumpus.net*, an online culture magazine. Strayed revealed that she was the writer behind *Dear Sugar* in February, and in July, *Tiny Beautiful Things*, a collection of her best advice, was published.

So far, it has spent its entire published existence on the New York Times bestseller list.

I'm recommending that you read *Wild* but I'm pleading with you to read *Tiny Beautiful Things*. It should be required reading for every struggling soul on the planet, and as far as I know, that's all of us.

Here's a sample. It's in response to an advice-seeker who is jealous of the success of fellow authors, especially those who score six-figure deals with their publishers. I can relate to that. Cheryl's diagnosis: "Could it be possible that the reason you feel like you swallowed a spoonful of battery acid every time someone gets what you want is because a long time ago — way back in your own very beginnings — you were sold a bill of goods about the relationship between money and success, fame and authenticity, legitimacy and adulation?"

Oh.

And here's her antidote: "But the people who don't give up ... they've taken into their hearts the idea that there is enough for all of us, that success will manifest itself in different ways for different sorts of artists, that keeping the faith is more important than cashing the cheque, that being genuinely happy for someone else who got something you hope to get makes you genuinely happier too."

Wish I'd said that, especially the part about keeping the faith is more important than cashing the cheque.

But I'm not jealous, because Cheryl gives way more than she gets. And despite her (almost) overnight fame, she still turns up at readings for free and tutors aspiring writers, although, now that Reese Witherspoon has optioned *Wild* for some fabulous amount, it will be interesting to see if she can keep her feet on the ground.

Of course, she's pre-grounded. Trekking 1,100 miles through the Sierra Mountains lugging a 60-pound pack and wearing shoes that are too tight will do that to you.



Cheryl Strayed, author of *Wild*, the New York Times bestseller.

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Knitting is child's play



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Playful performance

Kids' playground knitted by artist

This crochet playground at the Takino Suzuran Hillside National Park in Sapporo, Japan, is made from thousands of pieces of nylon, created by hand over several months with a ton of yarn.

This is the brainchild of Japanese-born Toshiko Horiuchi MacAdam and her Canadian husband, Charles MacAdam.

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Artist's view

"We love how popular the playgrounds are. Sports are good for some people, but not every child. They should use their bodies and have fun."

Japanese-born artist
Toshiko Horiuchi MacAdam

Origins of artwork

Kids climb, play and make art their own

After teaching textiles in the U.S. in the 1960s, Toshiko began exhibiting crochet art for museums. But when two children started playing on one of her pieces at a gallery in Japan, blissfully unaware of artwork etiquette, she watched nervously as they climbed into the structure, but was thrilled to find that her work suddenly came alive in ways she had never really anticipated. METRO

Guerrilla knit-wear

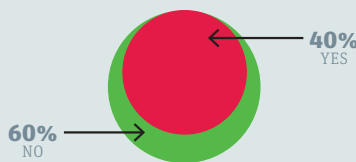
Today, crochet art goes like a bomb

Yarnbombing — covering objects in public spaces with knitted, crocheted material — has surged as a form of counter-culture art in recent years. Guerrilla artists worldwide boldly adorn famous urban structures and monuments with wool and now have their own International Yarn-bombing Day, celebrated in June. METRO



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@cassiehwilliams: no less than thirty (3-0) employees working in the #apple store #Halifax. wonder how long that will last...

@Sweethb: Another hot day in Halifax. Wish I was at the beach. Summer is almost over.

Celebrity reading room

Oscar-winning thespian Emma Thompson has revived Beatrix Potter's mischievous bunny. The Further Tale of Peter Rabbit, published 110 years after Peter's first adventure, is out in September. Thompson is the latest in a lengthy line of stars who have hopped on the bright-eyed and bushy-tailed celeb children's lit bandwagon.

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Jay Leno: If Roast Beef Could Fly

The comedian churns a childhood memory into a breezy bedtime yarn that may leave tots salivating in their sleep over a giant hunk of juicy rotisserie meat. Leno's father is ready for his next project — a new patio, so they can throw an epic barbecue. The titular event occurs when Jay, mesmerized by the tasty revolving beef, jabs his plastic comb into it in a clumsy attempt to sneak a sample of the meat before mealtime. Jay's plan backfires when his comb gets stuck and melts. Papa Leno is forced to chuck the spoiled roast beef out the window to the delight of the dog. **Flavour:** "My Dad's side of the family is Italian. Every Sunday we have 400 pounds of meatballs, half a ton of spaghetti, a swimming pool's worth of sauce!"



Jimmy Buffet and Savannah Buffet: The Jolly Mon

The Cheeseburger in Paradise crooner teamed up with his daughter on this laid-back escapist odyssey. Based on the beach balladeer's ditty Jolly Mon Sing, the dreadlock-rocking protagonist is a singing fisherman from the fictional Caribbean island of Bananaland. He finds an enchanted guitar floating in the bay that comes with instructions to play music around the world. Along the way the hero encounters a nefarious band of pirates led by One-Eyed Rosy and a groovy dolphin who saves his life. The father-daughter tandem also authored Trouble Dolls, another folklore-filled romp. **Flavour:** "The Jolly Mon had never played a guitar before, but the moment his fingers touched the strings, he knew how to play."



Julianne Moore: Freckleface Strawberry

Teased for her dotted complexion, Freckleface Strawberry, a nickname the famous redhead herself was bullied with as a child, tries all sorts of ways to hide her freckles — from soap and makeup to more drastic measures. It's an inspiring modern take on The Ugly Duckling plotline, only instead of transforming into a swan, she learns to accept and love the skin she's in. Sequels Freckleface Strawberry and the Dodgeball Bully and Freckleface Strawberry: Best Friends Forever keep the life lessons flowing. The series was also adapted into a theatrical production, Freckleface the Musical. **Flavour:** "You have to meet the new girl. She wears a ski mask all the time."



Molly Shannon: Tilly the Trickster

The SNL alum's latest character is a squirrely little prankster, and everybody in her life, from family members and school chums to her teacher, are targets. Her sly antics continue unabated until the folks she plays tricks on the most often wise up and Tilly gets a taste of her own medicine. While filling cookies with toothpaste may not be as zany as Shannon's pratfalls as Mary Katherine Gallagher, four year olds seem to laugh just as hard. **Flavour:** "First, I grab a paper cup from the cupboard. Then I carefully poke a hole in the side of the cup with a pencil. If this ever-so-clever trick works, water will spill through the hole when Daddy tips the cup to take a drink."



Madonna: The English Roses

The first of Madge's kiddy tomes centres around a group of fashionable London schoolgirls who exclude a classmate from their sleepovers and other soirees — they are jealous of how pretty and perfect she seems. When a fairy Godmother gives the gals a glimpse into the ostracized girl's world they discover that her mother passed away and she does all the household chores. The Roses realize their folly and bring her into their circle of friends. Madonna's total transformation from material girl to moralizing momma is evident in her growing collection of lesson-laden storybooks. **Flavour:** "It all sounds so perfectly fun and nice. And in many ways, it was. But there was only one problem. They were all a little bit jealous of another girl in the neighbourhood."

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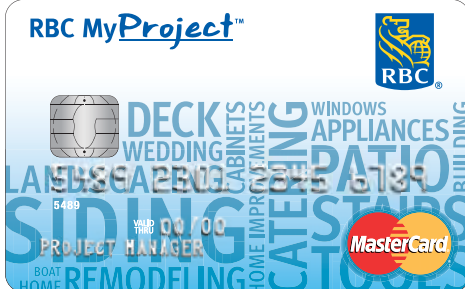
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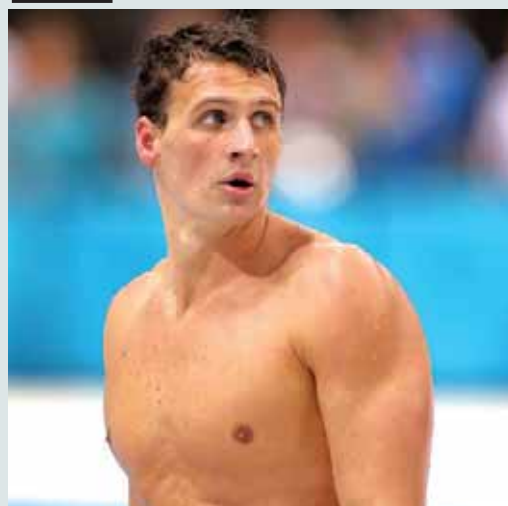
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Ryan Lochte to hand out roses?

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With four years until he's due in Rio, Olympic swimmer Ryan Lochte is scoping out a side job in reality TV. At the top of the list is The Bachelor, whose producers have been informed that they'll need to come up with at least \$750,000 for such high-quality abs.

But even if they pay, Lochte may pass.

"Ryan is acutely aware that he has to attach himself to the right projects and endorsements that won't do damage to his all-American image," a source tells Radar-Online.

"As much as he'd like to do it, Ryan does have some reservations about The Bachelor because he wouldn't have any control on how he is portrayed on the show."

Ryan, at this point there's nothing more American than compromising your reputation, marriage and career in the name of fleeting fame. Consider this our blessing.



Liberty Ross and Rupert Sanders

Liberty Ross spreads wings in blog post

Rupert Sanders' wife, Liberty Ross, is trying to send a message with her latest blog post for Vogue UK, but it's not entirely clear what that message is. Ross — who hasn't updated the blog since news broke of Sanders' affair with actress Kristen Stewart — published an image of an

eagle with its wings spread under the title "Liberty," prompting many to speculate she's leaving Sanders. New York magazine insists the image "is meant to be a statement of freedom and independence," and commentators on Ross' blog seem to be taking it that way as well.

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Planning a vacation is exciting, and made even more thrilling when you're going with someone special. Except it doesn't always work out perfectly. When it comes to packing and jumping on a plane, everyone has their own travel personality. Here's how to handle some of them.

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The over planner

You're in Paris and they're intent on touring the Louvre, Arc de Triomphe and Eiffel Tower by noon on the first day. Keep up at this panicked rate and you're bound to see the entire City of Lights in record time, but won't remember any of it. Suggest one afternoon of people watching in a public square over a carafe of French wine. Their shoulders will drop in no time.



5 travel personalities

The obvious tourist

Money belt? Check. Canadian flag in plain sight so no one confuses you with an American? Check. Comfortable New Balance walking shoes and socks that reach mid-calf? Check. Canadian tourists stick out like sore thumbs and it's not just embarrassing, it can also put you at risk for pickpocketing or schemers. The simple rule is to dress on vacation like you normally would. But if your wardrobe includes any of the above items, you can't be helped.



The person who hates travelling

They haven't travelled in years but somehow you convinced them to come on your dream cruise. Big mistake. They hate sleeping in a strange bed, new scenery, food, water and boats. Instead of throwing them overboard, try to compromise on activities you'll both enjoy. Joining them in the casino for a few hours (gag!) may translate into you getting the most out of your trip with fewer complaints.

The embarrassing keener

Armed with their Lonely Planet guidebook, which they studied for months, this friend will regurgitate every iota of information they know at each attraction you visit. Even better, they're hell-bent on speaking the language, which typically includes them shout-sputtering random words at locals. Nip this annoying behaviour in the bud by suggesting they'll get much more out of the experience if they don't have their nose stuck in a book the entire time. If all else fails, accidentally "lose" it.



The under planner

They had no opinion on which country to see and now that you've landed, they're just along for the ride. Instead of getting frustrated at their lackadaisical attitude toward travel, embrace it! This is your opportunity to design the trip you've always wanted without any complaining. This type of personality can be convinced to do anything, so be as busy or relaxed as you like. The best part is that they're going to love the trip because they had no expectations.

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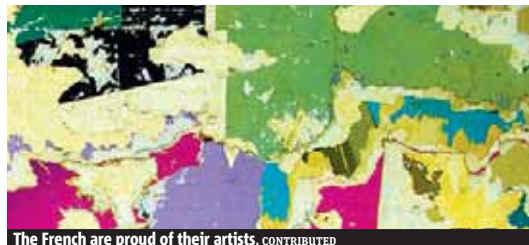
Graffiti. The city is known for its museums. Now the art has moved outside

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With its vibrancy, sophistication and sheer volume of production, the Parisian street art scene — graffiti, stenciling, paste-ups — makes ours look like it's still in grade school. Sketches and tags pop up throughout the city, yes, but beyond the central circle of neighbourhoods, or arrondissements, designated areas boast entire blocks coated end-to-end on both sides with imagery that's constantly changing.

Hami Delimi of L'Oeuf Creative — an agency helping artists with branding and representation — says that many communities agree not to prosecute, particularly their native sons and daughters.

"People are proud to have the artists there," Delimi says. "However, if someone not from the community writes



The French are proud of their artists. CONTRIBUTED

over a piece, that person might get in trouble."

In the 19th arrondissement, which Delimi considers a first stronghold of the Parisian graffiti movement in the '80s, that local hero is Da Cruz. His big-featured faces and bold colours are calling cards on the area's buildings, municipal walls and mailboxes; no one paints over his creations. Other celebrated tags to locate across the city include Miss.tic, Nemo, Jerome Mesnager, Jeff Aerosol, Art of Popof and Atlas.

The Futura is now

Whether you think street artists working with luxury brands are receiving justified exposure and cash or are selling out, the practice is here to stay. And its most recent con-

tributor is also one of the art form's truest legends: Futura.

Lenny McGurr, originally known as Futura 2000, began his career tagging New York City subway cars in the late '70s. He also toured with The Clash, painting onstage while they played; enjoyed a long history of success in art galleries, largely in Paris, which housed his first exhibit in 1982 (he's currently represented by Galerie Jerome de Noirmont); went on to make album covers, T-shirts and toys; and, of course, owns a spot in the canon. Then he was quiet for a while.

But on Aug. 13 he added a Hennessy label to his collection. The limited-edition Cognac bottle is classic Futura: an abstract work of bold primary colors and atomic swirls.



Now in galleries

Traditional galleries are now littered with street artists' work, one of the more recent crossover successes being an artist named Nasty. It's also now common for luxury brands to tap the graffiti scene. The artist named Kongo printed scarves for Hermès and Monsieur A created a label for Caviar Kaspia. But some artists seem to think it's a faux pas to use their talents for commerce. Kidult has notoriously vandalized luxury-brand storefronts.

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Tiger shrimp, pesto and grilled corn: An unlikely — but tasty — salad trio



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Tiger shrimp are quite affordable today compared to what they cost a few years ago. If you can't find them, you can use smaller shrimp. Using a spinach pesto is a good example of how you can use different ingredients to make variations on classic basil pesto. If you don't have fresh corn, sauté 2 cups canned or frozen corn until lightly charred.

1. Salad: Lightly coat cobs of corn with cooking spray and grill on barbecue 5 minutes or until charred, turning to avoid burning. Alternatively, bake corn in an oven preheated to 450 F for 5 minutes, also turning to prevent burning. Let corn cool slightly and cut kernels off cob with sharp knife. Place in a bowl along with red pepper, red onion, garlic, jalapeño, cider vinegar, olive oil, honey (if using), fresh basil, salt and pepper. Toss to combine.

- Ingredients**
- 1 lb large shrimp, peeled and deveined
 - 1/4 cup store-bought pesto
 - Salad**
 - 3 fresh cobs of corn
 - 1/2 cup diced roasted red pepper (about 1 small roasted red pepper)
 - 1/2 cup diced red onion
 - 1 tsp chopped garlic
 - 1 1/2 tsp chopped jalapeño pepper
 - 1 tbsp apple cider vinegar
 - 2 tbsp olive oil
 - 1/2 tsp honey (optional)
 - 1/2 cup chopped fresh basil
 - pinch of salt and pepper

2. Lightly coat a nonstick skillet or grill pan with cooking spray and set over medium high heat. Add shrimp and sauté until just pink, about 3 minutes.

3. Place the corn salad on a serving plate, top with shrimp and garnish with pesto.

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Tiger Shrimp with Pesto and Grilled Corn Salad



This recipe serves four. RYAN SZULC, FROM ROSE REISMAN'S FAMILY FAVORITES (WHITECAP BOOKS)

Drink of the Week

Coconut-Lemonade Slushies

Slushies are one of the tastiest ways to cool down during the summer. Here, the classic taste of lemonade meets the refreshing flavour of coconut.

- 3 cups lightly crushed ice
- 1 cup water
- 1/2 cup lemon juice
- 1/2 cup sweetened cream of coconut
- 1/4 cup agave syrup or honey
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- Pinch salt

Combine all ingredients in a blender. Purée until smooth. You may need to stop the blender once or twice and stir the ingredients in order to

keep them moving in the blender. Serve immediately.

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Crispy Garlic Shrimp Skewers. Entertaining made easy



1. Heat oven to 475 F. Blend 3 tbsp olive oil, 1 tablespoon lemon juice and garlic in small bowl. Add shrimp and toss to coat; set aside. Blend remaining 3 tablespoons olive oil, 1 tablespoon lemon juice, dill, lemon peel and salt in bowl. Set aside.

2. Mix bread crumbs and cheese on waxed paper; dredge shrimp to coat evenly. Place in

single layer on baking sheet. Bake 8 to 12 minutes or until light golden and thoroughly cooked. Gently loosen shrimp from baking sheet. Cool 1 to 2 mins.

3. Thread single shrimp, olive, tomato and cucumber piece on each skewer. Serve drizzled with olive oil mix.

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Ingredients

- 6 tbsp extra virgin olive, divided
- 2 tbsp fresh lemon juice
- 1 egg white
- 2 large cloves garlic, minced
- 32 raw medium shrimp, shelled and deveined
- 1 tsp finely chopped fresh dill or parsley
- 1/2 tsp grated lemon peel
- Dash salt, optional
- 1/3 cup finely shredded Pec-

- orino or Parmesan cheese
- 3/4 cup Panko bread crumbs
- 16 pitted large green olives
- 16 pitted large ripe olives
- 32 grape tomatoes
- 1/2 medium cucumber, sliced lengthwise and cut into 32 pieces
- 32 (4 to 6-inch) appetizer skewers

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Post-secondary profession. With these strategies, some gumption and a solid resumé, you can get started on your on-campus job search

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Most campuses have lots of student jobs available, but it isn't always easy figuring out how to find them.

While some jobs for the coming school year will have already been filled (some departments do their hiring in winter/spring of the previous year so that they are ready to go with new staff in September) there are usually still lots of jobs open in the fall.

In terms of where to look, most schools do not have one place where all the jobs are advertised.

So, it can take some legwork to look around to find what's available on your campus. And just like finding jobs anywhere, networking is key.

Here are some tips for



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career centre

The career centre should be stop number one if you are

Visit your campus

looking for work on campus. Staff at the career centre are usually very knowledgeable about on campus work, and getting their advice first can save you lots of time with their leads and direction.

Find out about work/study programs

Many schools have part-time jobs on campus that are specifically designated for students who are in financial need. These are often called work/study programs, but may have a different name at your campus. To learn more, and to find out whether you qualify ('financial need' can be defined differently at different schools), ask staff at your career centre and/or student financial services or loan office.

Speak with professors and your department

Often professors need help with their work. Sometimes they have enough money to hire students (other times they may use volunteers). Check with your departmental staff and faculty members if you are interested in getting research-related experience.

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if you're in a graduating position, don't forget recruiting season starts in Sept! Get those resumes and cover letters ready!

Visit on-campus vendors

The restaurants, pubs, shops, and other retail outlets on campus all need staff. You can visit them and see if they are hiring.

Keep your eyes and ears open

Watch notice boards, let all your friends know you are looking and ask them if they have any contacts or leads, make sure you read the emails you might get

from your department or student clubs — you never know what might turn up a job lead. The more people you speak with, the greater your chances of finding something.

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City back at the top of Nova Scotia men's soccer

NSSL. Late-game heroics give third-seed City its seventh title in past 10 years



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Any doubt about whether Halifax City would win the Nova Scotia Eastlink Premiership men's soccer title on Tuesday disappeared about as quickly as the shirt off Jonathan Hammond's back after the speedy striker's late-game goal.

City, which entered the playoffs as a third-seeded underdog, capped a surprising post-season run with a 2-0 win over Valley United at Mainland Common to clinch its seventh provincial title in 10 years.

Hammond, a 21-year-old from Halifax, got behind the defence in the 89th minute and chipped a shot over goal-keeper Andrew MacRae to give his team a much-needed insurance goal, then tore off his green-and-white jersey in a raucous celebration before a crowd of 500.

"It felt good because I didn't have that great of a season," said Hammond, who had just one goal all summer before exploding for three goals in three playoff games.

"It felt good to get a couple of goals in the playoffs, and to put one in at the end was icing on the cake."

City, which hadn't won a provincial crown since 2009, took the lead in the 64th minute when midfielder Ja-



Halifax City's Marcus Greenlaw, left, and Valley United's Ben Gravel, centre, fight for the ball while City's Stuart McAdam gives chase during the Nova Scotia Eastlink Premiership men's soccer final at the Mainland Common on Tuesday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

mie Tibbo hurdled into the box and headed in a fantastic cross from all-star defender Shane Rajaraman.

Valley was playing just its second game in four days courtesy of the top seed in the Page playoff system, while City was playing its third. But City used substitutions wisely and staved off fatigue.

"We knew we had to play three games after finishing

Quoted

"Three long games in four days, 30 degree weather, conditions aren't that easy, it's tough, and we were lucky to get it over with."

Halifax City striker Jonathan Hammond

third and we knew we had to fight to get to the final," said Tibbo, a 21-year-old from Timberlea. "We did that. We

worked hard, we had team meals, we talked, we came together as a team, and we finished it in the end."

Keeper Graham Little recorded the shutout for City, which was 7-3-4 in the regular season but saved its best for last.

"At the start of the season we weren't working all that hard," Hammond admitted. "Toward the end of the season, we started putting in the work ethic."

"We played to our strengths and came out on top."

3 Olympic medallists on course for Dartmouth

Lake Banook will be teaming with Olympians this week.

Dartmouth is playing host to the Canadian sprint canoe-kayak championships starting Tuesday, and the likes of Mark de Jonge, Adam van Koeverden and Mark Oldershaw — all medallists in London — are competing in the four-day event.

De Jonge, of Halifax, claimed Nova Scotia's first Olympic paddling medal in 12 years with a third-place finish in the K-1 200 metres.

Other Olympians competing are Jason McCoombs of Dartmouth, Ryan Coch-



Mark de Jonge celebrates his bronze medal win at the London Olympics. GETTY IMAGES FILE

rane of Windsor and Hugues and Emilie Fournell of Lachine, Que.

Heats take place on Wed-

nesday and Thursday followed by finals on Friday and Saturday.

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CHL. Laraque named head of fledgling hockey union

After making a career out of defending teammates, Georges Laraque is stepping forward to help protect the rights of major junior hockey players.

The former NHL tough guy has been named executive director of the newly formed Canadian Hockey League Players Association, announcing on his Twitter account Tuesday that he was "proud" to accept the role.

Laraque provides a familiar face to an organization about which little is known.

Specific details about how the CHLPA will function have yet to be formally announced and league president Dave Branch told The Canadian Press on Tuesday night that he doesn't know anything



Georges Laraque, during his playing career, with the Montreal Canadiens. GETTY IMAGES FILE

about the union. Branch said he hasn't been contacted by anyone affiliated with the CHLPA.

Messages for Laraque weren't returned.

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The first African team to play in the Little League World Series will not head home empty handed. Ugandan team Lugazi eked out a 3-2 win over Gresham, Ore., in a consolation game on Tuesday to improve its series record to 1-2. Scan the code for the story.

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League, NHLPA still looking for a 'jumping off point'

NHL. League, players' union to focus on core economic issues during this week's labour talks

Where do we go from here?

As the NHL and NHL Players' Association resume collective bargaining talks, that is the question they're both seeking to answer.

The sides stepped away from negotiations last week with competing bids on the table and no clear road ahead. They spoke again over the weekend and agreed to devote sessions Wednesday and Thursday entirely to core economic issues — the area where the parties seem to have the most ground to make up.

"We are hoping that our meetings this week can serve as a jumping off point for further discussion and negotiation over the critical economic and system issues that we need to resolve in order to reach an agreement," NHL deputy com-



NHLPA executive director Donald Fehr speaks to reporters at the Delta Grand Hotel on Tuesday in Kelowna, B.C. GARY

missioner Bill Daly said Tuesday in an email.

Essentially, it's time to see how much each side is willing to move off its current position, if at all.

While a significant gap exists between the two proposals when it comes to the

amount of money available to players, there is some common ground. The union's decision to keep a hard salary cap in place was an important step and its willingness to accept less than 57 per cent of revenues — for three years, anyway — seemed to indicate

it was trying to work with the NHL.

"We thought it was a compromise," Donald Fehr, the NHLPA's executive director, told reporters last week.

Even though commissioner Gary Bettman offered a cold response to the union's offer

Critical week

Talks are tentatively scheduled for the next two weeks in New York so there is plenty of room for continued dialogue if the parties can start getting on the same page in the coming days.

- The tone of this week's talks should offer a good indication of whether that will happen in time for a deal to be reached before Sept. 15.

it was a step in the right direction. Are the players willing to go even further? How far will the league move off its proposal, which called for new contract restrictions and player salaries based on 43 per cent of revenue?

The sides are operating in the shadow of a Sept. 15 deadline, when the current CBA is set to expire and the NHL has said players will be locked out. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

MLB. Jays' Romero falls again in Detroit

Max Scherzer struck out eight in seven impressive innings, and the Detroit Tigers took advantage of Ricky Romero's wildness in a 5-3 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays on Tuesday night.

Romero (8-11) lost his 10th straight decision, allowing five runs, seven hits and eight walks in 5 1/3 innings. He didn't strike out a batter.

Austin Jackson had three hits, and Scherzer (13-6) was sharp for the Tigers. Scherzer allowed five hits, including Edwin Encarnacion's solo homer. He walked two.

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Ricky Romero sits in the Jays dugout on Tuesday in Detroit. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Injury update

Toronto third baseman Brett Lawrie has stopped his rehab for a right oblique injury after feeling sore when he woke up Tuesday.

- But manager John Farrell says Lawrie isn't yet to a point where he might need to be shut down for the season.
- Farrell also says right-hander Brandon Morrow, who hasn't pitched since June 11 because of a left oblique injury, likely will start Saturday at Baltimore. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

MLB

Trout, Trumbo help Angels snap out of funk in Boston

Mark Trumbo hit his career-high 30th homer, Ervin Santana pitched 6 1/3 solid innings and the Los Angeles Angels snapped a four-game losing streak with a 5-3 win over the Boston Red

Sox on Tuesday night.

Mike Trout had two hits, giving him 139 in the first 100 games of his rookie season, the most since 1964 when Tony Oliva had 144 for Minnesota. But his streak of 30 successful stolen base attempts ended in the eighth when Jarrod Saltalamacchia threw him out at second base on a pitchout.

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Baseball. Astros send scout to check out Clemens

Roger Clemens thinks any talk about a return to the majors is premature.

The Houston Astros decided to check him out anyway.

General manager Jeff Luhnow said Tuesday the Astros sent a scout to look at Clemens and left-hander Scott Kazmir, who also plays for the Sugar Land Skeeters of the independent Atlantic League. Clemens is to make his first start on Saturday at home against Bridgeport.

Luhnow said he wasn't sure whether or not Clemens is trying to make it back to the big



Roger Clemens in Sugar Land, Texas, on Tuesday. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

leagues. Clemens earned about \$160 million and won 354 games in a 24-year career with the Red Sox, Blue Jays, Yankees and Astros, but hasn't pitched since 2007. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Engine

The hybrid features a 156-horsepower 2.5-litre four-cylinder engine that coordinates with a 141-horsepower electric motor for a combined 200 horsepower. That's up from the 2011 Camry's total of 187 horses, but a weight reduction of about 115 kilograms helped give the hybrid plenty of uphill and passing prowess.

2012 Toyota Camry Hybrid

- **Type.** Four-door, front-wheel-drive mid-size sedan.
- **Engine (hp):** 2.5-litre DOHC I4 with electric motor (200, combined).
- **Mileage:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 4.4/4.9.
- **Base Price (incl. destination):** \$28,600.

Stretch-out room

The Camry hybrid's true strength, especially on long trips, is providing plenty of comfortable stretch-out room for front and rear-seat passengers alike. It's like getting mid-size accommodations, but with the fuel consumption of a compact car.

A minor drawback is

the 13 per cent reduction in trunk volume when compared to gasoline-only Camry, which isn't overly generous to begin with. With an on-the-road starting price of \$28,600 for the LE model, its only about \$1,000 pricier than the smaller and more sluggish Prius.

That makes the Camry hybrid a family-friendly fuel saver without equal.



There's less trunk space in the hybrid than the standard Camry.

Review. Camrys are known for their spaciousness, but the Hybrid adds low-fuel consumption to the package

MALCOLM GUNN
Wheelbase Media

Cutting fuel consumption is only one of this Camry's many tricks, as a week of city and highway travel reveals.

Not with a bang but a whimper is how T.S. Eliot's poem *The Hollow Men* concludes. That also pretty much describes how Toyota's latest Camry Hybrid starts up.

Pressing the hybrid's "ON" button initially produces nary a sound, but does cause the dashboard gauge pods

and control panel to glow.

But wait a few seconds and the gasoline engine portion of the duo gently comes to life as a reminder that it too is an integral part of the powertrain.

Studying the intricacies and idiosyncrasies of the Camry Hybrid involved a 3,000-kilometre excursion across a variety of city and country thoroughfares. From the outset, the idea

was to drive the Camry as if it were any gasoline-powered vehicle.

On the highway the general flow of traffic was matched, which usually meant driving 15-25 km/h above the posted limits, with occasional passing bursts above that range.

When all was said and done, the Camry hybrid performed admirably. Average real-world fuel economy remained consistently in the

6.7-7.1 l/100 km range in combined city/highway driving. That's nowhere near Transport Canada's unrealistic claim of 4.7, but it's still pretty decent given the hot weather and use of A/C, load factor and exuberant driving circumstances.

The Camry hybrid is a competent piece of eco-hardware and without question is a cut or two above the first-gen model.

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Check used Nitro for transmission issues

Second Gear.

2007 to 2011
Dodge Nitro

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Nitro brought Dodge's presence to the utility vehicle scene occupied by models like the Nissan Rogue and Hyundai Santa Fe.

Driver-selectable four-wheel drive, plenty of ground clearance and a solid rear axle made this a family-ready ute that could handle towing and off-road use with ease.

Trim levels started with SE for a 'basic' Nitro, with SXT, SLT and R/T filling the model range from less to more loaded.

Common Issues

Be sure to "feel" for any signs of transmission slippage or a "shudder" at lower speeds and under light loads—which could indicate a problem with the transmission or torque converter, or the computer that controls them. If the transmission exhibits any of these symptoms, be sure to have it checked. Some owners have reported transmission or torque converter replacement under warranty. Have a mechanic inspect your candidate for signs of oil leakage—particularly around the rear of the oil pan, and at the rear differential. Be sure any leaks are remedied ahead of your purchase.

Finally, check the ceiling liner and front footwells for signs of moisture that could be caused by a leaky sunroof.



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Engine

Power came from a 3.7-litre, 210-horsepower V6, or a 4-litre V6 with up to 260 horsepower. Manual and automatic transmissions were available.

What Owners Like

Nitro owners rate ride, handling, flexibility, confidence, and all-season traction highly. The upgraded stereo is well liked, as is the styling and overall "bang for the buck" where feature content is concerned.

What Owners Dislike

Common complaints include limited footwell space, limited headroom for taller drivers, and a long reach for the gear shifter.

Verdict

Styling, driving dynamics and a high degree of capability and utility are the largest draws to the Nitro as a used buy. Seek the advice and approval of a trained Dodge mechanic ahead of your purchase.

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Driver training best left to non-parents

Autopilot



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Sixteen candles light up Amelia's birthday cake. They also produce an invisible cloud of angst, which settles nicely in her father's psyche.

Looming directly ahead: The Year Amelia Learns to Drive.

The father is an automotive journalist, and more than familiar with the statistics, which show teenage drivers are particularly good at crashing.

Young people like to travel in packs. Net result: A motor vehicle accident is the leading cause of death for people 15-24 years of age (Statistics Canada). That group had 2,247 total deaths in 2007—703 were due to motor vehicle accidents.

His line of business has also made him ruminate quite a bit on how one should go about driving a motor vehicle. Family members have even men-



You can never start not listening to your father too early. Amelia Goetz, around 1 1/2 years old, behind the wheel of her father's Jaguar and not looking at all where she's driving. CONTRIBUTED

tioned, on several occasions, that he might ruminate about such matters a bit too much. So he wonders if he might be too harsh a critic for a burgeoning driver, and for one he is already holding his breath for...

He also understands that maybe he knows the student

too well. He cannot forget, for instance, all the absent-minded manoeuvres and poor decision-making she displayed when she was four.

The father also remembers how he was taught to drive by his own father—a generally successful endeavour, punctu-

ated by a memorable blow-up that made suppers awkward for several weeks later, until respective tempers cooled down. The student at the time always thought that a professional instructor would not have gotten quite that angry at him for "almost" driving into a big

fence post. (Though time has seen that student sympathize a bit more with his old man, and that man's feelings for his prized, brand-new 1973 Plymouth Fury II.)

All this made the current father wonder if he was the right man for the job.

It was always the family's plan to get Amelia into a professional driving course at some point. What harm would it do, for the father to first teach her some basics?

So when Amelia recently obtained her beginner's licence (known as G1 in Ontario), and requested a first lesson from her father, the father said "OK."

While Amelia meandered around the Loblaw's parking lot somewhat inconsistently, the father forced himself to be especially calm, encouraging, and instructive. He took solace in the fact that this particular student always came through in the end, always took responsibility, and could already do many clever things. He took pains not to instruct too much. He thought things went well.

Funny then, that Amelia remembers it differently. She remembers her father being too tense and nervous, too wordy, and too critical. It was an environment, she says, not at all conducive to learning a difficult task.

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Atkinson cycles decrease power in engines, but increase fuel efficiency

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It's been said that "everything old is new again." That's definitely the case with the Atkinson cycle engine, which is used on several hybrid vehicles, including the Toyota Prius. This modern technology is based on a system devised by James Atkinson back in the 1880s.

"You're drawing more energy out of the gasoline," says John-Paul Farag, manager of advanced technology and powertrain at Toyota Canada. "There's no extra maintenance, and it doesn't feel any different, but it's a different way of timing the valves to squeeze more power out of the fuel."

Engines contain pistons, which move up and down to turn a large central crankshaft that eventually powers the wheels, much the same way that your legs go up and down

Atkinson cycle facts

- Every new Toyota and Lexus hybrid uses the Atkinson cycle, to increase its fuel efficiency.
- Older Atkinson cycle engines used mechanical methods to adjust the stroke, but modern engines use electronics to adjust the valve timing.

to pedal a bicycle. The pistons are powered by gasoline, and the length of their movement is called the stroke. Each piston makes four strokes per cycle: drawing in gasoline vapour, compressing it, providing the power, and then pushing out the exhaust.

By adjusting the opening and closing of the valves that let in the gasoline, engineers can adjust the length of each stroke. In an Atkinson cycle, the piston strokes are manipulated to be as fuel-efficient as possible. This means the engine isn't as powerful, which is why the Atkinson cycle isn't used in regular vehicles.

"What we're trying to achieve is a much more efficient cycle, but the drawback is



The Toyota Prius C uses the Atkinson cycle. JIL MCINTOSH/FOR METRO

at the expense of power," Farag says. "It's ideal for hybrids, because they have electric motors to compensate."

When more power is need-

ed, such as for acceleration — power that a regular Atkinson cycle engine wouldn't be able to provide on its own — the hybrid's electric motor runs in

conjunction with the gasoline engine to give the driver what's needed. While hybrids traditionally get their best mileage in the city, the Atkinson cycle

also allows them to achieve excellent fuel economy on the highway, since the electric motor and gasoline engine work together.



Congratulations Martine!

The winner of Toyota's Pick Your Prius contest is Martine Bell. She picked the car that suited her family best: the original Prius!



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Find the very best used car

The new school year means new classes, new friends and, for many students, a new commute. Most students have to hit the road before they can hit the books, so finding a reliable car on a student budget is the semester's first lesson.

Whether you're a student heading to your first new home away from home, or looking for a cool but reliable way to get to class, there's still time to find the perfect used vehicle. Here are some practical, simple tips to help you find the perfect car on a budget, as well as a list of the most reliable used cars under \$10,000.

- Always ask the seller for the Used Vehicle Information Package (UVIP) and request a copy of the vehicle's CarProof Vehicle History Report.

- Have a professional inspection done by a licensed technician. This can help avoid unanticipated problems and expenses later on.

- Arrange the test drive when the engine is completely cold to get a better idea of how the car starts, regardless of how long it's been parked.

- Count the kilometres. You may need to consider some maintenance when a vehicle has accumulated over 100,000.

Top 5

Kijiji Canada's top back-to-school cars (under \$10,000):

- **2005 or 2006 Honda Civic:** Sporty, fun, and reliable, this has been a top seller in Canada for over the past 10 years, so there are lots to choose from.

- **2005 or 2006 Mazda3:** A great alternative to the Civic, but a bit more stylish.

- **2007 or 2008 Hyundai Elantra:** A few years newer than most of the other models on the list, the Elantra is a reliable, comfortable, and predictable car.

- **2004 Ford Mustang (V6):** More attitude and character than most cars at this price point.

- **2007 or 2008 Pontiac Vibe:** While GM retired the Pontiac brand, the Vibe is a still a versatile hatchback with lots of space. **NEWS CANADA**

Top oil change questions

Oil changes are probably the most common of automotive services — performed so frequently that consumers may often pass up the opportunity to get more for their service dollar. Jay Buckley, an ASE-certified master mechanic and technical training manager at Fram Group gives his tips.

Ask what's included in the service

Service stations often bundle several inspections with the oil change. It's a great time for a mechanic to inspect brakes, hoses and undercar components to help stop a small problem from becoming a big one. In most cases, additional inspections are a bargain.

Ask if the right specification of motor oil is being used

Oil-change facilities like to use "bulk oil," which as the name implies, is a single viscosity grade and specification of oil

bought in bulk from a supplier. It will often suffice for many motor vehicles, but not all. If your car or SUV requires a specialized formula of motor oil, such as high-efficiency 0W-20 synthetic, or a manufacturer's specification, such as GM dexos, this "standard" oil may cause problems.

Ask if a premium oil filter will be installed

Often overlooked during an oil change is the quality of the oil filter. A premium filter, such as Fram UltraTM, can trap more damaging dirt from circulating through your engine. In standardized tests, this filter had double the dirt-holding capacity of the leading economy filter brands' average. The ability to trap and hold harmful particles for as much as 24,000 km becomes much more important as automakers extend service intervals, often to just once a year. **NEWS CANADA**



It's a good idea to have a licensed technician perform a professional inspection before you make a used car purchase. **NEWS CANADA**

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Hardtop convertibles are all the rage because they're weather-proof, they quiet down the ride and are rather cool to watch go up and down, actually. The Mercedes SLK, the Mazda Miata PRHT, the Volkswagen EOS and even the Ferrari 458 Spider put metal where cloth used to be. Push a button ... it's just that easy.

But even on the best days, a modern convertible will cook your head and vehicle interior when the weather is sunny and then freeze you out when the weather turns cold. Put in that context, it's tough to define — or even understand — the popularity turbulence of the American convertible in its 85 years on the road.

The automotive anomaly went from a curiosity in the 1930s, to a tragic James Dean snapshot of the 1950s, to near extinction in the 1970s, to resurrection in the 1980s ... and everywhere in between along the way.

Demand for the convertible will never reach the levels of the 1950s and 1960s when the 19-foot Lincoln Continental led the list of "Land Yachts" that became standard equipment on North American roadways.

But with convertible classics such as the Chevrolet Camaro and Corvette and the Ford Mustang on the 2013 product list, this topless symbol of summer and a staple of driving freedom remains strong.

"Whether it's enjoying a lazy drive on a winding two-lane or cruising to a local drive-in," Rex Roy wrote in a recent tribute story for Popular Mechanics. "Summer and convertibles go together like lemonade and ice tea."

The evolution of the convertible has been dramatic, mainly because automakers and engineers have spent decades chasing design flaws caused from all the moving parts needed to open and close or attach and detach the roof.

In the beginning, all cars were open air because they were nothing more than motorized horse buggies, where design efforts centred on engine performance and reliability, not on creature comforts ... like a proper roof and side glass or a heating system that could keep the glass from fogging up in a fully enclosed vehicle.

The demands for improved safety and

Quote

"Summer and convertibles go together like lemonade and ice tea." Rex Roy

breakthrough, and it got one in 1939 when Plymouth introduced the first power-controlled top.

The convenience of the power top was a brief boon, but the fruits of those improvements would have to simmer as automobile production in North America was all but halted for six years during the Second World War from 1939-'45.

But a booming post-war economy, consumer confidence, fresh designs from General Motors and some slick

Motors, meanwhile, was making a mark with its "hardtop" convertible design in the Cadillac Coupe de Ville and Buick Roadmaster. The hardtop convertibles were constructed with fixed roofs and not built with the manual top-off, top-on design. But the pillarless look and disappearing side windows offered the feel of a convertible with the added protection and safety of a

closed vehicle. But, when it was off, the roof needed to go someplace, which was far from handy on long journeys.

The popularity of Ford models and the success of the GM hardtops kept convertible demand levels at about six per cent of the automotive market through the 1960s, and right up until social events and economic failure ended the Glory Days and put the North American convertible on the endangered list. The carefree attitude of the 1950s and '60s gave way to the recessive '70s with two oil embargoes, government proposals for expensive roll-over crash protection, and a general disapproval in the quality control of domestic automakers.

Manufacturers continued to drop convertibles from their assembly lines and

our Lee Iacocca unveiled the wildly popular Chrysler LeBaron convertible in 1982.

After a five-year hiatus, manufacturers were again making convertibles and Iacocca was being celebrated for saving both Chrysler and the North American convertible.

Ford and GM followed suit and converted their popular-selling Sunbirds, Cavaliers, Mustangs and Camaros, while Chrysler continues to manufacture its popular Sebring (now 200) convertible.

European and Asian automakers offer a more eclectic lineup for convertible enthusiasts and budgets but most significant is that most sports cars were convertibles, whether MGs, Triumphs or the amazing Austin Healey Hundred.

Of course, the unmatched comfort of the traditional closed-air sedan will always keep the convertible in its isolated place among new car buyers, but the convenience of the

metal folding top is helping to make it easier to justify what was once considered a frivolous second-car purchase.

A convertible as a primary mode of transport? Yes, indeed, as they now merge somewhat sensible transportation and wind-in-your hair freedom into one vehicle.



Mazda MX-5 Miata

sheltered Cadillac founder Henry Leland to introduce the fully closed body design in 1905. By 1925, the closed-cabin vehicle controlled 90 per cent of the market, essentially cutting out the open-air era, but not deterring an underground push for a true "convertible" that would balance the freedom of openness with the comfort of enclosure.

The convertible needed a

concepts from Ford helped push demand for the convertible through the 1950s to more than five per cent of all new car sales, it's highest level on record.

Ford controlled much of the convertible market in the 1950s with its popular Thunderbird and Fairlane models. General

in 1976, Cadillac announced its Eldorado would be the "last convertible in America," prophetically holding that distinction until Chrysler sav-

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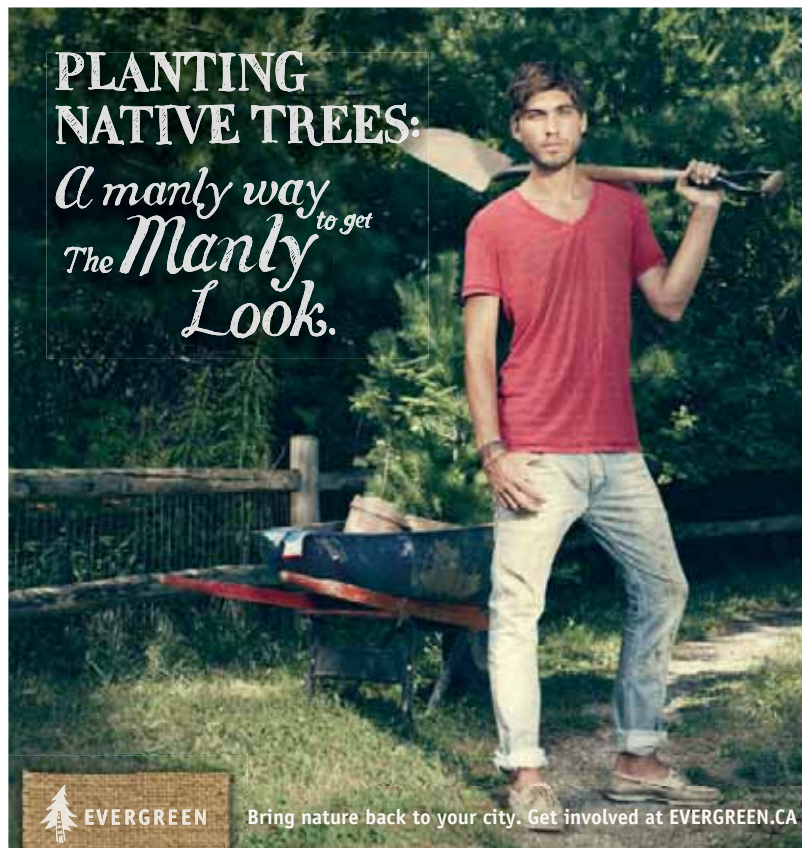
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March 21 - April 20

If you look at the big picture today while leaving the details to other people, you will come unstuck. One detail in particular, if neglected, could cause you all sorts of problems, especially at work.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

You may be generous by nature but there are times when you need to do less for others and more for yourself, and this is one of them. What is it you most desire? Go out and get it today.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

The Sun's move into one of the more emotional areas of your chart will show you how you have been neglecting family and loved ones. It's not too late to do something about it but start now.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

If you are bored with the same old places and the same old faces, why not get up and get on the move? If you think about it, there is nothing to hold you back — though that won't stop some people from trying.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

The Sun moves into the money area of your chart today, so you need to pay attention to your spending habits. If you have been living beyond your means then cutbacks have to be made. No, not later — right now!

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

A new solar year begins today and already you can sense that it will be a special one. Never mind about all those promises you made and never lived up to — dare to dream and your dreams will come true.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

You may not have achieved as much as you wanted to by this stage of the year but don't feel bad about it because there is still time to make a difference. You have so much to look forward to, so smile.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Anyone who thinks you are too cautious will be surprised by the things you get up to over the next few days. You have the planets' permission to, if not break the rules exactly, to at least bend them a little.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

You won't be content with minor victories today — you want to show the world that you are the best at what you do. Ambition is a wonderful thing, but do you have self-knowledge to go with it?

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

The Sun's move into your fellow Earth sign of Virgo marks the start of a four-week phase when most things will go right for you. Does that mean you should take a few more chances? Yes it does.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

As an Aquarian you are used to the ups and downs of life but even you need a safe and stable place to rest once in a while. If you haven't got such a place you need to start making one now.

Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

The Sun in Virgo over the next few weeks will bring partnership issues to a head and that's good. There can be no more running away from your emotions — you have got to share your feelings with the world.

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Crossword: Famous Canadians

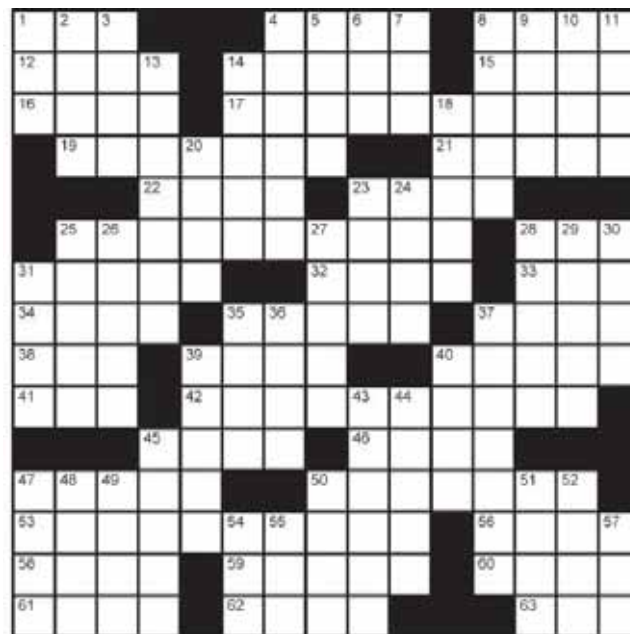
Across

1. ____ Paulo, Brazil
4. Altar end of a church
8. Operatic solo
12. A tbsp. contains three
14. Snooped
15. Throw away
16. Perhaps the most common word heard in early Beatles songs
17. Sudbury, Ontario-born *Jeopardy!* host (2 wds.)
19. Applauded
21. Lets up
22. Come ____ end: conclude (2 wds.)
23. Ball-shaped cheese
25. Art ____: Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan-born *House Party* and *People Are Funny* host
28. "Do ____ say!" (2 wds.)
31. Indian currency
32. 10 million of them equal a joule
33. Capt.'s subordinates
34. Hertz Rent-____
35. 640 make 1 square mile
37. Toronto-born classical pianist Gould
38. "Just a ____": little bit
39. Cupid
40. Icy precipitation
41. Snake warning
42. Ottawa-born star of *The Blues Brothers* and *Ghostbusters* (2 wds.)
45. 2:1 or 3:1
46. Consumes
47. "See if ____!" (2 wds)
50. Lightweight umbrella
53. Montréal-based 2011 Juno Album of the Year

- winning group (2 wds)
56. A Great Lake
58. After-dinner candy
59. John ____: first American to orbit the earth and, later, Ohio senator
60. Alta. neighbor
61. Something in one's bonnet, maybe (2 wds.)
62. Rowboat equipment
63. Fall behind

Down

1. Pig pen
2. "Be with you in ____!" (2 wds)
3. Australia's gemstone
4. Garfield's feline girlfriend
5. "The ____ Piper of Hamelin"
6. Gender
7. Summer time in Ont.
8. The ____: series starring Mr. T (2 wds.)
9. Burglarizes
10. "Mmm-hmm" (2 wds.)
11. Requests
13. Montréal-born *Star Trek* star
14. Concerning the Vatican
18. Raises
20. Jab
23. To be: Fr.
24. Grads get them: abbr.
25. George who created *Star Wars*
26. Apple tablet computers
27. ____ firma: ground beneath one's feet
28. Common trashcan site
29. Horse



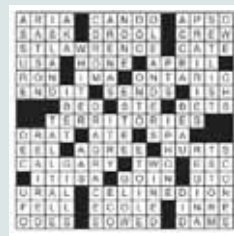
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30. "It ____ your concern": "None of your business"
31. "Drat!"
35. *Diary of ____ Housewife* (2 wds.)
36. Jailbirds
37. ____ over: examines perfunctorily
39. Appended
40. Spanish equivalent of mille.
43. Aches (for)

44. Actress Black or Allen
45. Speechify
47. "____ Rock": Simon and Garfunkel hit
48. Baby's bed
49. Teenager's problem
50. Fishing site
51. Spoken
52. Bart Simpson's sister
54. Megalomaniacal feature
55. Tampa's state: abbr.

57. Heart measure, for short

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4	3	1	9	8	7	5	6	2
6	5	9	1	4	2	3	7	8
2	7	8	3	6	5	4	9	1
7	1	3	5	9	4	2	8	6
9	2	5	8	3	6	1	4	7
8	6	4	7	2	1	9	3	5

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